

- (b) contacting said sample of body fluid with said antigen source in said application zone, so as to obtain a mixture wherein said antigen is allowed to bind with said autoantibody, when the latter is present in said sample;
- (c) allowing said mixture to flow along said substrate and to interact with said antibody immobilized to said substrate;
- (d) providing labeling means so as to permit monitoring of binding of said autoantibody and said antigen present in said mixture; and
- (e) monitoring said binding so as to provide an indication of the presence of said autoantibody in said sample of body fluid.

152. (New) A kit for use in screening a sample of body fluid for at least one autoantibody to at least one antigen, which kit comprises:

- (a) a substrate having an application zone including a source of said at least one antigen to said autoantibody, said substrate having immobilized thereto at least one antibody to said antigen, said application zone being upstream of said immobilized antibody, wherein said antigen has a binding site to which either said autoantibody or said immobilized antibody can bind;
- (b) means for contacting said sample of body fluid with said antigen source in said application zone, so as to obtain a mixture wherein said antigen is allowed to bind with said autoantibody, when the latter is present in said sample;
- (c) means for allowing said mixture to flow along said substrate and to interact with said antibody immobilized to said substrate;
- (d) labeling means to permit monitoring of binding of said autoantibody and said antigen present in said mixture; and
- (e) means for monitoring said binding so as to provide an indication of the presence of said autoantibody in said sample of body fluid.